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March 28, 2008

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support for the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Beach Bluff Restoration Project in the Santa Monica Bay. The Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' Science Education & Adventure (SEA) Lab will improve efforts to restore the natural habitat, educate countless youth and promote community involvement.

I am committed to improving projects that create a better environment for future generations. I understand this project will restore a diverse community of native shrubs and wildflowers to the coastal bluffs along the bay. This project will beautify the landscape, reduce erosion and provide habitat for native wildlife, such as the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly.

Restoration efforts, at Torrance Beach, Redondo Beach and Dockweiler Beach, uncovered the fact that the federally-listed endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly began re-colonizing its former habitat. The discovery of the El Segundo Blue Butterfly recolonization was made possible with the diligence and dedication of the SEA Lab staff, interns and volunteers. This restoration project will also introduce disadvantaged youth to habitat restoration and marine ecology while they gain vital work experience. This will also encourage community participation by promoting volunteer day events.

I enthusiastically endorse the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project through the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' SEA Lab program.

Sincerely,

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JENNY OROPEZA
Senator, 28th District

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March 25, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Beach Bluffs Restoration Project

Dear Mr Bosco:

As the Assemblymember for the 53rd District, I encourage your support for the Beach Bluff Restoration Project. This project will benefit the community in a multitude of ways; it will not only improve the environment, but it will educate youth and engage the community to build a better place for all. I am very proud to support the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and the Los Angeles Conservation Corp's SEA Lab efforts to restore the natural habitat of Southern California's beach bluffs.

As my office is actively involved in the Beach Bluff Restoration (BBRP) committee and supports the goals of the BBRP. I strongly recommend funding projects that restore a diverse community of native shrubs and wildflowers to the coastal bluffs along the Santa Monica Bay. This project will beautify the landscape, reduce erosion, and provide habitat for native wildlife, potentially including the endangered El Segundo blue butterfly.

A recent demonstration of the effect and value of restored native habitat was illustrated last summer when it was discovered that the federally-listed endangered El Segundo blue butterfly was discovered at three small locations along our beaches: Torrance Beach, Redondo Beach, and Dockweiler Beach. This could not be completed without the diligent work of the SEA Lab volunteers and workers who grow all of the plants used in the restoration process, as well as plant and maintain the sites. Many young adults become introduced to habitat restoration, marine ecology and work experience through these vital programs.

Again, it is our pleasure to support the important work being performed by the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and the SEA Lab. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 310-615-3515

Sincerely,

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TED W. LIEU
Assemblymember, 53rd District

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April 2, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Santa Monica Baykeeper's Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to lend my strong support to the Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project located on the UCLA campus adjacent to the Anderson School of Business and the Corrine A. Seeds University Elementary School. Stone Canyon Creek is a tributary to Ballona Creek and provides a living example of what can be done to enhance our remaining resources in this heavily urbanized watershed.

This worthwhile project will engage students, faculty, and other interested stakeholders in the restoration of the only remaining section of Stone Canyon Creek that isn't buried and confined in a culvert. It will also create an opportunity to teach interested people the value of creeks and of protecting and enhancing water quality. Santa Monica Baykeeper intends to utilize UCLA students to monitor the success of the restoration related to enhancements to the environment in and around the creek restoration project. Students and interested stakeholders will be engaged at all levels of this project, from exotic vegetation removal and replanting of native vegetation, to mapping and monitoring the project's success. The restoration site will provide UCLA students with a living field laboratory.

Please join me in supporting Santa Monica Baykeeper's Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project. This is a great project and I am confident that it will serve as a launching pad for the restoration of additional streams that have been buried on the UCLA campus and throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

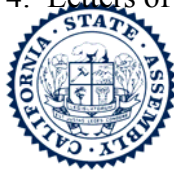
Sincerely,

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SHEILA JAMES KUEHL
Senator, 23rd District

Exhibit 4: Letters of Support

CHAIR, BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE ON
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JULIA BROWNLEY
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April 4, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Santa Monica Baykeeper Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Bosco:

I am writing in support of the above project which will take place on the UCLA campus adjacent to the Anderson School of Business and the Corrine A. Seeds University Elementary School. This is the only remaining section of the creek on campus that isn't buried and confined in a culvert. The project intends to utilize UCLA students to monitor the success of the restoration in terms of enhancements to the environment in and around the creek. Stone Canyon Creek is a tributary to Ballona Creek and provides a living example of what can be done to enhance the few remaining resources in this heavily urbanized watershed.

Moreover, this project will serve to educate local residents, college students, and faculty from UCLA on the values of creeks for protecting and enhancing water quality and biological diversity in an urbanized watershed. UCLA students will utilize it as a living field laboratory. Students and interested stakeholders will be engaged at all levels of this project, from exotic vegetation removal and replanting of native vegetation, to mapping and monitoring the project's success.

It is the hope of the project proponent, Santa Monica Baykeeper, that it will be a launching pad for restoring more of the streams that have been buried on the UCLA campus and throughout the region. I believe this is a worthy application, and for which I respectfully ask your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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JULIA BROWNLEY,
Assemblymember, 41st AD



United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
2008-FA-0041

April 8, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

Subject: Support for the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Angeles District's
Focused Site Surveys and Habitat Assessments for the California Red-legged Frog
in the Santa Monica Mountains

Dear Mr. Bosco:

We wish to express our support for the subject application for funding to conduct focused site surveys and habitat assessments for the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) in the Santa Monica Mountains, California. Funding for this project would help implement recovery task number 10 in the Recovery Plan for the California Red-Legged Frog (Service 2002). Recovery task number 10 calls for the restoration of habitat conditions for the California red-legged frog at or near historical localities, and where feasible, reestablish populations at extirpated localities (i.e. unoccupied core areas). The Southern Transverse and Peninsular ranges, which include the Santa Monica Mountains, are considered one such core area. Furthermore, Appendix G. of the Recovery Plan - General Guidelines for Reestablishment of California Red-Legged Frogs Populations, specifically states that the first step that should be taken is to "survey the areas and determine their suitability."

This project provides benefits to the federally threatened California red-legged frog. Reestablishment could be an important tool for repopulating large areas, especially in southern California that have lost their California red-legged frog populations. Reestablishment can also be used for the occupation of localities that cannot be easily reached from existing populations.

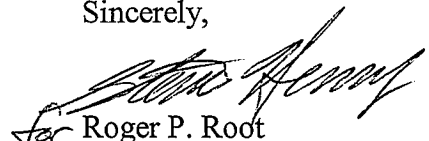
Our office has been working with State Parks to assess the potential of introducing California red-legged frogs on State Parks lands within the Santa Monica Mountains where suitable habitat exists. Therefore, we are fully supportive of the proposed surveys and habitat assessments. Furthermore, we encourage the California State Coastal Conservancy to fund this important project and help further recovery and conservation of the California red-legged frog in the Santa Monica Mountains as recommended in the Recovery Plan for the California Red-Legged Frog (Service 2002).

Douglas Bosco

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chris Dellith of my staff at (805) 644-1766, extension 227.

Sincerely,


for Roger P. Root
Assistant Field Supervisor

cc:

Kara Kemmler

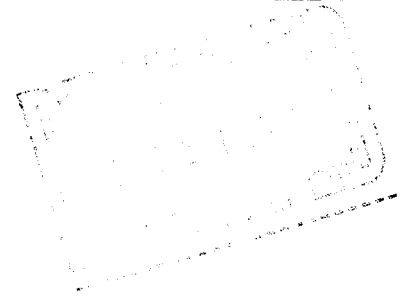


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Palos Verdes Estates

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

December 4, 2006



Mayor Pro-Tem Thomas Long
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

Re: Letter of Support for Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
South Bay Community Coordination and Outreach Pilot Projects

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, I would like to commend you and the Rancho Palos Verdes staff for the fine work you have done with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to identify and prioritize three potential watershed improvement projects in the South Bay that are worthy of their funding support. You indicate that the following projects have been submitted and will be considered by the SMBRC Governing Board at its meeting on December 14, 2006.....

- A project to restore abalone to Abalone Cove (sponsored by SEA Lab)
- Habitat and public access improvements at Rancho Palos Verdes' Point Vicente Fishing Access (sponsored by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy)
- Habitat and storm drain improvements in White Point Canyon and the White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro (sponsored by the PVPLC)

We highly commend you for your efforts to enhance the open space amenities and ambiance of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. We

wholeheartedly support your efforts to secure funding for these important projects by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Our very best to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Flood". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

John E. Flood
Mayor

cc: City Council
Barbara Dye, PVPLC Executive Director



BILL ROSENDAHL

City of Los Angeles
Councilman, Eleventh District

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Member, *Budget & Finance*

Member, *Transportation*

Member, *Ad Hoc Homelessness*

April 3, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Santa Monica Baykeeper's Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project at UCLA.

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I encourage you to join me in supporting the Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project. The proposed project takes place on the UCLA campus adjacent to the Anderson School of Business and the Corrine A. Seeds University Elementary School. This is the only remaining section of creek that isn't buried and confined in a culvert on the campus, so it is a good candidate for restoration.

The project will engage students, faculty, and other interested stakeholders in this restoration effort. It also presents an opportunity to educate the public about the value of creeks in terms of protecting and enhancing water quality and ensuring quality of life. The project intends to utilize UCLA students to monitor the success of the restoration in terms of enhancements to the environment in and around the creek restoration project.

Stone Canyon Creek is tributary to Ballona Creek and provides a living example of what can be done to enhance the few remaining resources in this heavily urbanized watershed. My office is deeply and actively involved in restoration projects in the Ballona Wetlands and throughout the Ballona Creek watershed, and this project will complement our other efforts.

I hope that through Santa Monica Baykeeper's efforts, this project will be a launching pad for restoring more of the streams that have been buried on the UCLA campus and throughout West Los Angeles.

I would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this request. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact my Legislative Deputy Alex Fay at (213) 473-7011.

Warm Regards,

BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilmember, 11th District

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April 4, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
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Re: Support for **Focused Site Surveys and Habitat Assessments for the Santa Monica Mountains in support of the California Red-Legged Frog Recovery Plan**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of Santa Monica Baykeeper, I encourage your support for the Focused Site Surveys and Habitat Assessments for the Santa Monica Mountains in support of the California Red-Legged Frog Recovery Plan Project. The Santa Monica Baykeeper is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of water quality within Santa Monica Bay, San Pedro Bay and neighboring waters.

One of the major factors contributing to the demise of California Red-legged frog is impaired water quality along with habitat fragmentation and competition with invasive species. We feel that this species future survival relies heavily on good water quality, and as such we take keen interest in its potential occurrence within watersheds which feed into Santa Monica Bay. It is our hope that the work proposed under this grant will help to identify potential water quality impairments. Further, we hope that the project will lead to future opportunities to address these impairments through meaningful restoration activities in support of recovering the species as outlined the California Red-legged Frog Recovery Plan.

I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Abramson
Director of Watershed Programs
Santa Monica Baykeeper



Stan Wisniewski
Director

Kerry Silverstrom
Chief Deputy

March 26, 2008

Dear Funding Agency:

RE: BEACH BLUFFS RESTORATION PROJECT

As both one of the decision makers for beach projects conducted on numerous miles of the Los Angeles County coastline and a representative of Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, I am very proud to support the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps' SEA Lab efforts to restore the natural habitat of Southern California's beach bluffs.

The restoration of the native habitat, in conjunction with the construction of our new Dockweiler Youth Center, provides unique educational opportunities. It will provide young people the opportunity to be engaged in activities that benefit their community, the environment, and their own development. Additionally, by replacing non-native ice plant that has little food value for native species with native plants, the habitat will be greatly improved for native butterflies, bees, spiders, lizards, small mammals and birds. Unfortunately, less than 5% remains of this habitat that was once home for many unique species.

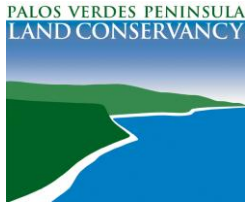
This could not be completed without the diligent work of the SEA Lab volunteers and workers, who grow all of the plants used in the restoration process, as well as plant and maintain the sites. Many young adults become introduced to habitat restoration, marine ecology, and work experience through this vital program.

Again, it is our pleasure to support the important work being performed by the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and SEA Lab. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (310) 305-9551.

Very truly yours,

STAN WISNIEWSKI, DIRECTOR

D. Wayne Schumaker, Chief
Facilities and Property Maintenance



PRESERVING LAND AND RESTORING HABITAT FOR THE EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT OF ALL

March 28, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Beach Bluffs Restoration Project

Dear Mr Bosco:

As the Co-chair for the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and Director of Science Programs with Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, I encourage your support for the Dockweiler Beach habitat restoration project. This project will benefit the community in a multitude of ways; it will not only improve the environment, but it will educate youth and engage the community to build a better place for all. I am very proud to support the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and the Los Angeles Conservation Corp's (LACC) SEA Labs efforts to restore the natural habitat of Southern California's beach bluffs.

I am considered a leader in the efforts of the Beach Bluff Restoration (BBRP) committee and strongly support the goals of the BBRP. I recommend funding projects that restore a diverse community of native shrubs and wildflowers to the coastal bluffs along the Santa Monica Bay. This project will beautify the landscape, reduce erosion, and provide habitat for native wildlife, potentially including the endangered El Segundo blue butterfly. Also, by employing the SEA Lab participants to restore the area, it actively engages and trains youth in many environmental issues.

Again, it is our pleasure to support the important work being performed by the Beach Bluffs Restoration Project and the SEA Lab. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 310-541-7613 x 208

Sincerely,

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Ann Dalkey
Director of Science Programs
Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

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April 3, 2008

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Re: Support for the Santa Monica Baykeeper's Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project on the UCLA campus.

Dear Mr. Bosco,

On behalf of the UCLA Institute of the Environment and the UCLA Campus Sustainability Committee, we encourage your support for the Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project. The proposed project takes place on the UCLA campus adjacent to the Anderson School of Business and the Corrine A. Seeds University Elementary School. It is the only remaining section of creek that isn't buried and confined in a culvert on the campus. The project will engage students, faculty, staff, and other interested stakeholders in this restoration effort. Further, it affords an opportunity to teach interested persons on the value of creeks in terms of protecting and enhancing water quality and quality of life. The project intends to utilize UCLA students to monitor the success of the restoration in terms of enhancements to the environment in and around the creek restoration project. Stone Canyon Creek is a tributary to Ballona Creek and provides a living example of what can be done to enhance the few remaining resources in this heavily urbanized watershed.

The Institute of the Environment, an academic unit focused on fostering interdisciplinary research and academic programming, supported and participated in the initial phase of this project. Later this month we are featuring the restoration effort as part of our ongoing Environmental Science Colloquium series. The Campus Sustainability Committee coordinates campus efforts to make UCLA more sustainable from daily operations through academic programming to community engagement. This project intersects with nearly every one of our goals. The Stone Canyon Creek Restoration Project will serve to educate local residents, college students, faculty and staff about the values of creeks for protecting and enhancing water quality and biological diversity in an urbanized watershed. Additionally, UCLA students can utilize the restoration site as a living field laboratory. Students and interested stakeholders will be engaged at all levels of this project, from exotic vegetation removal and replanting of native vegetation, to mapping and monitoring the project's success. As the only remaining section of stream on the UCLA campus this project provides unique educational opportunities. It is the hope of the project proponent (Santa Monica Baykeeper) that the project will be a launching pad for restoring more of the streams that have been buried on the UCLA campus and throughout the region.

We would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tom Smith
Acting Director, Institute of the Environment

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Academic Director, Institute of the Environment
Chair, Campus Sustainability Committee